GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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ISSUE OF BAHADURSHAH ZAFAR`S GRAVE
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the intellectuals of India and Pakistan have urged the Government of India to bring back the grave of Bahadurshah Zafar, the last Mughal emperor of India; and

(b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto ?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE)

(a) A Bahadur Shah Zafar Memorial Society in Delhi had, in 1949, proposed that the mortal remains of Bahadur Shah Zafar be transferred from Yangon to Delhi. Government have not received any proposal from Pakistani scholars in this regard.

(b) It was decided the proposal need not be pursued.